it has been indicated that the propose National Minorities Finance and Development Corporation would be made operational during 1994-95. The modalities are being worked out.

15-Point Programme for Minorities

708. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government is committed to revise the existing 15 Point Programme of the Prime Minister for Minorities;

(b) if so, by when the revised fifteen point programme will be issued, and

(c) whether Government propose to consider making the implementation of the programme mandatory on par with 20 point programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) to (c) The recasting and updating of 15 Point Programme for Minorities is under consideration.

The implementation of Programme has already been accepted by Central and State Governments.

Schools for Students

709. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of schools set up under a Central scheme to provide educational facilities to ST students so far in tribal sub plan area;

(b) the number of ST students who are enrolled in these schools, Statewise figures; and

(c) the amount of Central assistance sanctioned under the scheme to the States so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) Central assistance has been given for 166 ashram schools under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for establishment of ashram schools for ST students in Tribal Sub Plan area since its inception in 1990-91.

(b) Information is being collected from the States and the same, on receipt, will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Total Central assistance of Rs. 908.33 lakhs has been given under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme to the States so far.

Projects constructed under integrated Tribal Development Projects

710. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the irrigation projects, Roads and other projects constructed under Integrated Tribal Development Projects in Orissa during last five years;

(b) how many of those projects have been completed so far and likely to be completed by the end of the Eighth Plan ;

(c) the steps taken to expedite the execution of those projects; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected from the State Government of Orissa and the same, on its receipt, will be placed on the Table of the House.